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Sir:

Applicants request that the attached PTO Form 1449 and cited reference be included in the record of the above-captioned application. Applicants believe that this reference is not material to the patentability of the claims because US Pat. No. 5,759,773 is drawn to an assay method for detecting RNA, whereas the present invention is an assay for detecting proteins.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, she is requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, PhD (Reg. No. 40,069) in the Washington DC area, at (703) 205-8000.

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